

May 10, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Gary Brown, Chairman, Tempe

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, May 25, 1999 - 10:00 a.m.  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

The next meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Terry Johnson or Dawn Coomer at 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of Minutes of April 27, 1999</u>	2. Approve minutes of April 27, 1999
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.	

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| <p>4. <u>Transportation Manager's Report</u></p> <p>Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.</p> | <p>4. For information and discussion.</p>                                                |
| <p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Committee members can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p>                                 | <p>5. For information, discussion and possible action to approve the Consent Agenda.</p> |

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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| <p>*6. <u>Availability of Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Round VII Enhancement Funds</u></p> <p>MAG staff has been notified by ADOT that Round VII Enhancement Fund applications are due to ADOT by October 1, 1999. ADOT Enhancement Funds are awarded statewide on a competitive basis. Enhancement Funds may be used for the design and implementation of pedestrian, bicycle, landscaping, scenic, historic preservation, archaeological, billboard removal and other projects that are near, impacted by, or a functional part of a transportation system. Enhancement funds may also be used for acquisition of property and easements associated with transportation enhancement projects. Applications for projects in the Maricopa Region are due to MAG by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 12, 1999.</p> <p>This year, approximately \$12 million is available statewide for the program. Approximately \$7 million will be provided for enhancement projects on local roads, and \$5 million for enhancement projects on state roads. This amount is a substantial increase over</p> | <p>6. For information.</p> |
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the last round, when only \$4 million total was available. ADOT has requested that all projects submitted are of high quality. A schedule of activities is provided as Attachment A.

### **ITEMS TO BE HEARD**

7. **Report on the MAG Freeway Program**

MAG Freeway Program Management will address issues related to the Freeway Life Cycle Program.

8. **Special Transportation Needs Study**

The MAG Special Transportation Needs Study has been completed. It addresses special transportation programs needed by the elderly and the poor as well as the needs of welfare recipients. Staff will provide a report see Attachment B.

9. **Advance Design of Bicycle Projects**

Members of the Regional Bicycle Task Force were notified of the potential availability of federal funds to design bicycle projects already in the Transportation Improvement Program. Several member agencies have requested the use of the funds for design as indicated in Attachment E. Several members expressed concern about obligating the design funds within the timeline, and the process to obligate the funds.

At their meeting on March 24, 1999, the Regional Council approved the advance design of bicycle projects (\$13,167 local funds, \$217,833 CMAQ, \$231,000 total) as part of the FY 1999 closeout. The Regional Bicycle Task Force may take action at their May 18, 1999 meeting to approve a list of bicycle projects to receive

7. For information, discussion and possible action.

8. For information, discussion and possible action to recommend acceptance of the MAG Transportation Special Transportation Needs Study.

9. For information, discussion and possible action.

funds for design of bicycle projects currently in TIP. MAG staff will provide an update.

10. Interim Closeout of the FY 1999 MAG Federally Funded Program

Following the recent preliminary closeout of the MAG Federally funded program, there have been requests from three MAG jurisdictions to carry forward five projects programmed with MAG Federal funds in the current fiscal year 1999. Existing MAG guidelines require that requests for project carry forward be made by March 1 of each year. However, due to the complexity of the Federal funding process this year and considering that some projects were not approved for funding until April, it is suggested that the existing guidelines be temporarily waived to allow these projects to be carried forward to FY 2000. Attached is the adjusted status of the MAG Federally Funded Program.

11. ITS Integration Application to US DOT

In response to a recent request for preliminary applications for participation in the USDOT's ITS Deployment Program, an application has been submitted from the MAG region by the deadline of May 7, 1999.

The preparation of this application and two others from Arizona was facilitated by ADOT, through an ADOT ITS On-Call consulting services contract with Kimley-Horn & Associates. The other proposals were, one from the PAG region and from ADOT for rural applications. The MAG ITS Committee provided input to this proposal. At an emergency meeting on May 4, 1999, the committee reviewed the application and passed a motion that recommended the submission of this application from the MAG region.

10. For information, discussion and action to recommend the following projects to be carry forward to FY 2000: Scottsdale, Computerized Signal System (CMAQ, \$1,677,360); Maricopa County, Upgrade AzTech data server (CMAQ, \$400,000); and Surprise, three Dust Stabilization projects (CMAQ, \$285,900). Also to recommend potential projects for acceleration from FY 2000 to FY 1999 to utilize the available funds (CMAQ, \$2,363,260).

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The funds for this program comes from TEA-21's FY 2000 allocation of \$ 80m for integration of ITS components in metropolitan and rural areas, statewide or multi-state settings. Most of these funds have been earmarked for projects that may not be consistent with national ITS plans. The USDOT is making an attempt, through this solicitation to generate a list of excellent ITS integration projects that the congress may utilize to either replace some or all of the earmarks. In short, there is no guarantee that federal funding will be available, even if the MAG application makes it to top. However, it will ensure that projects in the MAG application will be at the fore front of consideration for future federal ITS funds. Attachment C shows the MAG application.

12. Scope of Work for ITS Strategic Plan Update

In 1996, MAG adopted the first ITS Strategic Plan for the MAG region. This plan was developed through an ITS Early Deployment Planning(EDP) grant from the USDOT fund \$452,000. A number of very significant developments have occurred since 1995, with respect to both local and national ITS activities. The AZTech project was selected as one of four national sites for demonstration of ITS deployment. The national ITS architecture of the national plan for systematic implementation of ITS has been finalized. TEA-21 requires that all future federally funded ITS projects must be consistent with this plan.

In view of these developments and their impact on future ITS deployment in the MAG region, the ITS Committee has identified this as the highest current priority and has launched a project to update the plan. The updated plan will be to serve as the roadmap for future ITS

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implementation in the region. Attachment D shows the scope of work for this project.

13. Legislative Report

The 1999 Arizona State Legislative session has been busy. TRC members will be appraised of issues related to transportation funding and air quality that have been addressed.

14. Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

13. For information and discussion.

14. For information.